

Mattie's class was going on a field trip. They had studied animals. They were going to the zoo. It was Mattie's first field trip. He was very excited. His mom had signed the permission slip. His teacher had said to bring two dollars. They would use it to buy lunch. Mattie saved his money. Soon they were going to the zoo.

Two yellow buses pulled up in front of the school. The children lined up. Then they got on the bus. The bus driver said his name was Fred. "Welcome to my bus," he said. "Please stay seated. Do not put your hands out the window. Thank you."

Soon they were at the zoo. The buses parked. The children got off. A man walked out of a small building. "Hello. I am glad you could come," he said. "I will take you on a tour of the zoo. Please listen to all

instructions. I want you to have fun. I want you to be safe, too."

They started with the birds. They walked into a huge cage. They saw many birds. Some were brown and others were yellow or blue. There was even a pink bird! It was a flamingo.

Then they saw the snakes. It was scary. Some were very large. The man said some were dangerous. If they bit you, you could die. Then they saw the animals in the field. They saw a giraffe. There were two elephants. There were even two zebras. Mattie could not believe his eyes. It was like watching TV. He and his friends loved the cats best. They were big and they roared. There were two lions. They saw one cheetah. It ran very fast.

Then the trip was over. It was time to eat lunch.

Mattie bought a hot dog, chips, and a soda. He put mustard on the hot dog. Then he gobbled it up.

Then it was time to get on the bus. The boys and girls said, "Thank you." Then they waved good-bye.

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